	(All figs in million units)			
	1987-88	*1988-89*	*1989-90*	*1990-91*
Requirement	15185	16290	18275	19590
Availability	10556	11911	13967	15104
Shortage	4629	4379	4308	4486
% Shortage	30 5	26 9	23 6	20 9

(b) Industrial output depends on number of factors and power shortage is only one of the factors.

(c) Various measures are being taken to improve the availability of power in Karnataka which include maximising the generation from the existing generating stations, implementation of Renovation and Modernisation Programme of generating stations, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses effective load management and conservation of energy etc. Assistance is also made available to Karnataka from the neighbouring system whenever system conditions are conducive to such transfer

(d) The anticipated energy availability in Karnataka during 1991-92 would be about 15834 million units

Granite Mines in States

2073 SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state

(a) the States where granite mines are located,

(b) the approximate granite deposits in those States,

(c) the steps taken to increase the production of granite in those States, and

(d) the details finalised in those States for granite mines allotment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) (a) Granite mines are located in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu

(b) The reserves of granite so far estimated by the respective Govts of major granite bearing states are as follows -

State	*Estimated Reserves (Figures in Million Cubic MTS)*	*Remarks*
1 Andhra Pradesh	3 0	This represents estimation of reserves in a few areas Estimation work is going on at present to have a more comprehensive assessment of reserves.

	State	*Estimated Reserves (Figures in Million Cubic MTS)*	*Remarks*
2.	Assam	43.5	
3.	Bihar	19.0	
4.	Karnataka	55.7	
5.	Rajasthan	0.08	
6.	Tamil Nadu	15.9	This represents estimation of reserves of black granites. There is no estimation of reserves of coloured granite yet.
7.	West Bengal	7.0	
8.	Orissa	—	Estimation of reserves not yet taken up.

(c) and (d). Indian granite has good export potential and granite mining in India is undertaken mostly with a view to export processed granite.

The Central Government have undertaken a series of measures to encourage growth of granite industry in the country. These include waiver of excise duties on indigenous equipments purchased by 100% Exports Oriented granite processing units, concession from payment of tax under Section 80 HHC of Income Tax Act, and provision of export finance at concessional rates to achieve higher exports.

Since granite is a minor mineral, grant of mining leases for granite and development of granite mines are governed by the provisions of Minor Mineral Concession Rules of the respective State Governments. The State Governments on their part have taken steps to encourage setting up granite processing industries through grant of captive mining leases.

Mobile Telephones

2074. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to introduce the mobile telephone system in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir, to start with this facility is planned to be introduced in the four metro cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras.

(b) An open tender in this regard has already been floated to grant franchise to Indian companies.